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SUBJECT: COUNTERFEIT ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS OBTAINED IN DHAHRAN AREA

1. POST WISHES TO REPORT TWO RECENT INCIDENTS WHICH MAY INDICATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTERFEIT RING IN THIS AREA, WITH ITS HUGE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND LARGE DOLLAR PAYROLLS. BOTH INCIDENTS, INVOLVING COUNTER-FEIT HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS, ARE DESCRIBED BELOW:

2. AMCIT ROBERT E. MCCOY OF KHODARI/INTERGREEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (A US-SAUDI JOINT VENTURE IN NEARBY CITY OF ALKHOBAR) TURNED OVER TO CONSOFF TWO ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS WHICH MCCOY HAS BEEN TOLD ARE COUNTERFEIT. MR. MCCOY EXPLAINED THAT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO HE PURCHASED THESE BILLS AND OTHERS AT AL-RAJHI MONEY EXCHANGERS IN ALKHOBAR FOR HIS WIFE TO TRAVEL TO BELGIUM. UPON HER RETURN SHE SAID THAT SHE DEPOSITED TWO ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS WITH OTHER CURRENCY IN A BANK IN BRUSSELS. SHE THEN RETURNED TO
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HER RESDIDENCE. SEVERAL HOURS LATER THE BANK MANAGER CALLED HER AT HOME AND REQUESTED THAT SHE RETURN TO THE BANK. WHEN SHE DID THE MANAGER RETURNED THESE BILLS TO HER AND TOLD HER THEY WERE COUNTERFEIT.

3. DESCRIPTION OF BILLS:

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B. PAPER: EXTREMELY LIGHT AND WITHOUT BODY.

C. INK: VERY LIGHT AND FADED ALMOST AS IF BILLS HAD BEEN WASHED. INK DOES NOT RPT NOT RUB OFF ON HANDS.

D. LINT MARKS: RED AND BLUE LINT MARKS APPEAR, BUT THEY ARE VERY FEW AND EXTEMELY LONG, SOME AS LONG AS 1/2 TO 3/4 OF AN INCH. THIS DESCRIPTION OF BILLS IS PROVIDED BY INEXPERIENCED PERSONNEL USING GOOD BILL AS EXAMPLE.

4. ANOTHER AMCIT WHO SERVES AS BUSINESS MANAGER OF SANTA FE/SHUWAYER, ANOTHER SAUDI/AMERICAN JOINT VENTURZI IN ALKHOBAR, HAS REPORTED TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL THAT ONE OF HIS AMERICAN EMPLOYEES RECENTLY OBTAINED FIVE 100 DOLLAR BILLS FROM A MONEY EXCHANGER IN ALKHOBAR WHICH WERE DECLARED COUNTERFEIT BY THE EMPLOYEE'S NEW YORK BANK. THE EMPLOYEE HAD BEEN PAID IN SAUDI RIYALS ON APRIL 21 AND TURNED THE EQUIVALENT OF $1,000 OVER TO THE JOINT VENTURE'S PAKISTANI ACCOUNTANT WHO EXCHANGED THE RIYALS FOR TEN 100 DOLLAR BILLS FROM THE LOCAL MONEY CHANGER. WHEN THE AMERICAN EMPLOYEE RETURNED TO NEW YORK A FEW DAYS LATER AND ATTEMPTED TO DEPOSIT THE $1,000 IN HIS BANK, FIVE $100 BILLS WERE REFUSED AND STATED TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTERFEIT.

5. THE BUSINESS MANAGER IS NOT CERTAIN WHICH BANK IN NEW YORK HANDLED THE TRANSACTION, BUT HE STATES THAT MR. JOHN KILROY, PERSONNEL MANAGER IN THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE JOINT-VENTURE'S U.S. PARENT COMPANY, IS AWARE OF THE CASE. MR. KILROY CAN BE REACHED AT THE SANTA FE ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, ORANGE, CALIFORNIA 92668 - TELEPHONE (AREA CODE 714) 558-1300. THE ALKHOBAR BUSINESS MANAGER STATES THAT THE 100 DOLLAR BILLS WERE NEW, AND CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING SERIAL NUMBERS: H68R07410 -- 230A
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6. POST HAS ADVISED CASHIERS OF MAJOR USG AND AMERICAN BUSINESS OPEATIONS IN THE ARE TO BE ALERT FOR COUNTERFEIT DOLLARS. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED CONSULATE CASHIERS

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NOT RPT NOT TO ACCEPT ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS, AND THE
U.S. MILITARY TRAINING MISSION IN DHAHRAN HAS IMPOSED STRICT
RULES ON THEIR EMPLOYEES HANDLING CASH. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING ADDITIONAL ACTIONS WE
AND OTHERS IN THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE CAN TAKE IN THIS
CONNECTION. PLEASE ADVISE ON DISPOSITION OF THE TWO
BILLS MENTIONED PARA 2.
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